

1/15/71

Paul,

Having misjudged the time by an hour this p.m. and feeling I didn't have enough time to get into anything I couldn't leave, before going to get my wife (an hour early!) I decided to check Folsom 1 to see if the LHO period at Keesler coincided with the time Ferrie got in trouble there. My information on the trouble is indefinite, depending on the alleged recollection of an unidentified agent of an unidentified federal agent, given to another, and then based on what he had been told. This indefiniteness placed the incident at the summer of 1958 or 1959. Possible available (certainly other) CAP records can eliminate. I haven't checked.

LHO was there in 1957, apparently for two periods beginning 5/4 and 6/19, but in my haste I made have erred, the second being the date of departure. Now there are some things that seem a bit unusual and interesting in an overly-hasty examination of this file.

I remember when a neighbor's boy wanted to volunteer for the Navy of the Marines at about that time he required character references, and he asked to to supply one. I filled out such an official form. There is none for LHO.

The Jacksonville base seems to have been under something called the Air Traffic Control and Warning Department at Keesler (19H754). LHO made PFC at Max 5/1~~98~~ 57.

The service record (704-5) contains no reference to Keesler. It is probably covered by the 8th and 9th entries of CASCO. That he spent 6 wks there is stated on 662 and 746. But where I'd expect refs to Keesler on 665,677, there are none.

As you know, he had to have had and did have a security clearance much higher than the one indicated, which makes all of this even more suspicious.

I add a personal thing. I have a neardowell cousin who also went to that school, later. He graduated a control operator of some kind. He was sent to the Dominican Republic at the time of the Dominican Crisis of, I believe, 1965. Then, suddenly, he was flown to the Pentagon from down there and never did tell his mother why. He stayed at the Pentagon about long enough for what is called a debriefing. I always suspected his had been some kind of intelligence function. Subsequently, compounded with personal troubles, he had a very bad record and got out. He has applied for re-enlistment and with all his bad record is being considered, or was when last I heard.

As you know, there remains at Keesler no record that LHO was ever there.

If you have any of the reports of interviews with those in his class, or recall where they are in the hrs, I'd like to read them when I can. The questioning may indicate other things taught there, if only by what is avoided, though the chances are slight. But it does seem that a six-man class is a rather small one, especially when this is an Army school seemingly teaching all services.

Now, if the unclear recollection of when Ferrie was at Keesler and got in trouble is wrong - and I interject the summer encampment seems to have been an annual thing - and if he had been there a year earlier, it could have coincided with LHO's training there!